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To VIKTOR [i] -- 8th Department.

PILOT [ii] reports:

1. As has already been reported the COUNTRY's [STRANA] [iii] Army in the middle of November considered 30 June 1945 to be the date by which GERMANY would be defeated. Since that time the Deputy Chief of the ARSENAL [iv] has been demanding that the plans for supplying the Army should be drawn up on the assumption that the war with GERMANY will last until December 1945. In the middle of December the General Staff (henceforth the "PARK") and the ARSENAL began to demand that all calculations should be based on the hypothesis that the war with GERMANY will last until 1946. The "PARK's" estimate is probably connected with the policy on putting a reduced budget through Congress.
2. The British are objecting to NABOB's [v] plan with regard to GERMANY. They even consider too severe MASSIGLI's [vi] plan according to which the Allies are to take the industry of the RUHR under their protection in order to make use of it in the reconstruction of EUROPE. The real desire of the British is to seize the industry which will turn out to be in their zone in GERMANY.
3. In the opinion of the PARK the USSR will behave in GERMANY in exactly the same way as in ROUMANIA, i.e. it will remove whatever it wishes. This opinion is supported by a request from the USSR not to bomb industry in EAST PRUSSIA.

The PARK considers that it will be difficult to include the Russians in the administration of BERLIN since they do not want

[19 groups unrecovered]

[13 groups unrecoverable]

[30 groups unrecovered]

the calculation that the Russians will launch a large-scale offensive and will win the war.

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- [iv] ARSENAL: U.S. War Department.
- [v] MABOB: Henry MORGENTHAU, Jr., Secretary of the Treasury.
- [vi] MASSIGLI: René MASSIGLI, French Ambassador to Great Britain and member of the European Advisory Commission.
- [vii] MAJ: Stepan Zalharovich APRESYAN.

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